



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 398

By Representative Casada

and

Senators Beavers, Johnson, Ford, Marrero, Yager, Finney

A RESOLUTION designating May 12, 2011, as "Fibromyalgia Awareness Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, at estimated 10 million Americans have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, with most of those diagnosed being women; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a chronic pain disorder that is becoming an increasingly common diagnosis and is taking a toll emotionally, financially, and socially on patients and their families, friends, coworkers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, many patients with fibromyalgia consult multiple healthcare providers and often live with the pain for years before it is properly diagnosed and managed; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia continues to be poorly understood but is a real disease that devastates patients and families; and

WHEREAS, presently, there is no cure for fibromyalgia, but there are treatments which can help, and many people have found ways to develop a good quality of life while living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, the chronically ill place a larger burden on the healthcare industry, the insurance industry, and business which must cover the costly expenses associated with their treatment, medications, and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the realities of fibromyalgia will allow for a better support structure for sufferers of the disease; and

WHEREAS, there are common insurance barriers which impede access to pain care for those with fibromyalgia, and these barriers promote undue suffering and untreated, undertreated, or inappropriately treated pain; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate May 12, 2011, as "Fibromyalgia Awareness Day" in Tennessee, and encourage the citizens of this State to support the search for a cure for fibromyalgia and to assist those who must cope with this devastating disorder.

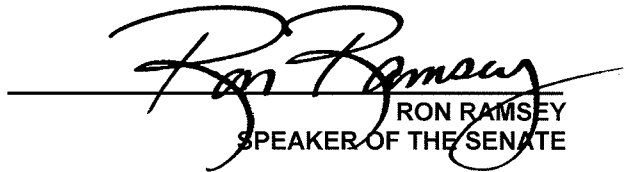
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR